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M 353 /41 cont./ Among the Miao there are five surnames: [184] [551] [35-] [778] Wu, Lung, Liao, Shih, and Ma. The arrangement described above is a Lung house of someone with the surname. The families with other surnames place the fireplace, the kitchen stove, and the ancestral shrine on the right-hand room, just the opposite of the Lung surname families. In the two-room type of house the fire pit is in back of the middle pillar, and M 342 the stove is located in the room on the left (Illus. 16). The [353] partition into two or three rooms is done by means of the pillars and not by walls or screens. In the houses of wealthy families [556] side rooms are built on both sides of the main house (Illus. 17). [251] If the side rooms should have two stories, then the top story is [231] for the storage of grain and the ground floor for rearing domestic animals. The toilet space in a Miao house is often in the pig 514 pen or in the cow stall, and used both by men and women. Travelers in the Miao area find the using of the toilet a pain- M 251 ful ordeal, because the stench is unbearable. Besides the storage loft the Miao house often has underground storage, dug underground about a chang deep and divided into two or three bins for storing foreign potatoes or sweet potatoes. After the sweet potatoes, etc. are stored underground, they are covered with a bamboo-plaited cover, to allow free circulation of air. If the potatoes spoil, it is necessary to wait for some time after M the bamboo covering has been removed before going down. ● [813] Or, one goes down with a light; if the light goes out, it indi- M 241 cates the presence of carbon dioxide, and one must refrain from entering. There is no difference between the agricultural 171 implements used by the Miao and by the Chinese, but the 352 furniture in a Miao house is much smaller in size than those used by the Chinese (Illus. 17).

M 487 Roads. — The communication system in the Miao area consists of land routes and waterways. The most important C 487 waterway is the T'ung Ho, because it is navigable for a comparatively long distance, and it goes deep into Miao country. This river starts at Lu Ch'i and goes toward the mouth, extending 17 li to Su-mu Ch'i, ten more li to Hsien-ch'i-t'ang, another 21 li to Nung-t'an, 15 more li to T'an Ch'i, ten more